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LR 38

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do, thank you. Senator Kristensen designates LB 620 as his priority bill; Senator Chambers, LB 659. Senator Vrtiska offers LR 38. It's a resolution congratulating the two...the Nemaha Valley girls (sic--Schools) Academic Decathlon team. That will be laid over. Mr. President, Judiciary reports LB 12 and LB 281 to General File with amendments. And, finally, Senator Engel offers a new A bill. (Read LB 585A by title for the first time.) That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 782-784.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. A little lighter subject here, the bananas are to bring a tropical influence into our winter scene, and this comes from Senator Kruse, who had a birthday yesterday. Well, let's celebrate his birthday now with a little clap. Thank you, Senator Kruse. On with discussion of AM0682 to LB 400. Senator Schimek, followed by Hudkins and Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek, did...Senator Schimek waves off. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I have been following this discussion quite closely, as I think most of us have been because of how it affects people in our particular areas of the state. I visited with one of the day-care providers in my area over the weekend and she is licensed to care for 40 children, so she does qualify as a day-care center. She talked to me about what it costs to do this training and if her employees had to do this training she's going to have to hire more people to take their spots unless they can get it at night, get the training at night. But she said what the bottom line is going to be is if her people working in her day-care center have to have this increased training this is going to cost her clients, her parents. But, you know, it's also going to cost the state as a whole. I was looking at the fiscal note and the expenditures in 2001-2002 are a little under a million dollars. The expenditures in FY 2002 and '03 are a little over a million dollars. This is because of the fact that there's going to have to be 25 more people hired